

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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BROAD-BUSSEL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, MARIE LOUISE MICHELSOHN, MICHELLE MICHELSOHN, and HERBERT BLAINE LAWSON, JR., Individually and on Behalf of All Other Persons and Entities Similarly Situated,

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CASE NUMBER DISTRICT COURT 3:05 CV 1762 (JBA)

Plaintiffs,

VS.

BAYOU GROUP LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

MOTION TO ADMIT FOREIGN COUNSEL PRO HAC VICE

In accordance with D. CONN. L. CIV. R. 83.1(d), the undersigned attorney, duly admitted to practice before this Court, hereby moves that John K. Van De Weert, Esq., be permitted to represent defendant Citibank, N.A. in the above-captioned action for all matters related to this case, in addition to counsel of record who have already appeared for the defendant. John K. Van De Weert, Esq., is an attorney admitted to practice before the state court of Illinois, the local courts of the District of Columbia, as well as numerous other federal appellate and district courts (as set forth in greater detail in the attached Affidavit). In support of this motion, the undersigned states:

- John K. Van De Weert is associated with the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.
- 2. An affidavit setting forth the necessary information regarding the qualifications of John K. Van De Weert, Esq., to practice before this Court along with such other

information required by D. CONN. L. CIV. R. 83.1(d) is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

- 3. John K. Van De Weert, Esq. was previously admitted to practice before this Court in <u>Hanson v. Ocwen Federal Bank</u>, No. 3:02-CV-960 (CFD), and was assigned identification number ct25413.
- 4. The undersigned has agreed to act as local counsel for Citibank, N.A. in this proceeding and, as such, agrees to be the Connecticut recipient of all pleadings and communications on behalf of defendant Citibank, N.A. All pleadings and communications may be sent to Gates Garrity-Rokous at the following address and telephone number:

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Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)		
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CITY OF WASHINGTON)		

JOHN K. VAN DE WEERT, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and I understand the nature and obligations of an oath.
- 2. I am associated with the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP and may be reached through the following contact information:

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- 3. I submit this affidavit in support of a motion to be admitted to practice before this Court in the above-captioned matter as a visiting attorney *pro hac vice* pursuant to D. CONN. L. CIV. R. 83.1(d).
- 4. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois (and have been since 1998), and am a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia (and have been since 2004). I am also admitted and in good standing in the following courts:
 - U.S. Court of Appeals, 3d Circuit, 2001
 - U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 2004
 - U.S. Court of Appeals, 2d Circuit, 2005
 - U.S. District Court, N.D. of Illinois General, 1999
 - U.S. District Court, C.D. of Illinois, 2001
 - U.S. District Court, E.D. of Michigan, 2002.
- 5. I was previously admitted to practice before this Court in <u>Hanson v.</u>

 Ocwen Federal Bank, No. 3:02-CV-960 (CFD), and was assigned identification number ct25413.
- 6. I have not been denied admission or disciplined by this Court or any other Court.
- 7. I have fully reviewed and I am familiar with the Rules of the United States

 District Court for the District of Connecticut.
- 8. The granting of this motion will not require modification of any scheduling order entered by this Court pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 16(b) or the standing order on scheduling in civil cases.

9. I have requested that Gates Garrity-Rokous, Esq., of the firm of Wiggin and Dana LLP, One Century Tower, 265 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06508-1832, act as local counsel, and I understand that he will be receiving service of papers and communications in this matter with me on behalf of defendant Citibank, N.A.

John K. Van De Weert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12th day of January, 2006.

JUNE FAITH JACKSON
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires December 14, 2008

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following this 13th day of January, 2006:

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